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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: The Hon. Minister may be aware that from time immemorial the people residing in villages have been fishing from their own tanks and also lakes irrespective of considerations like caste, colour or creed. But these people have been deprived of their right of fishing in their own villages. Will the Government see that at least in the future the rights which they have been enjoying from time immemorial are restored so that they may not be prevented from fishing in their own tanks and lakes? I would also like to know whether there is any such community called inland fishermen community?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: As I have already pointed out, there are two sides to the question. The Government have been examining all aspects of the question and they would take decisions which would be in the best interests of the people and the fishermen who labour.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether preference will be given to Harijans also as in the case of fishermen if they organize co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I have already stated the preference that should be shown to co-operative societies. We do not consider fishermen a community by birth as such. All those who are engaged in catching fish, whatever be the community to which they belong, will be given due consideration.

SRI A. RATNAM: May I know from the Hon. Minister, what are the demands and sugestions made by inland fishermen at their conference held recently at Rajaji Hall?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I am sorry, I do not have that information with me just now.

Veterinary dispensaries

* 39 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state when the Veterinary dispensary at Gingee will be converted into a hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There is only a minor Veterinary dispensary at Gingee and there is no proposal to convert it into a Veterinary hospital at present.

* 40 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many Veterinary dispensaries and touring billets have no Veterinary Assistant Surgeons at present in the whole State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: There are 13 Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, 29 Minor Veterinary dispensaries and 15 Touring Billets which are vacant at present for want of qualified Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Government consider the desirability of appointing superannuated people in view of the shortage of Veterinary Surgeons?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the Government have been doing that also to the extent possible and feasible.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: May I know whether the Government will start emergency courses of small periods for making up the shortage?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: We have increased the strength of the Veterinary College. There are short courses like 'Stockmen's Course' which go to some way in relieving the shortage.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI: மிருக வைத்திய சாலைகள் தாலூகா தலைநகரில் இருக்கின்றன. இதன் காரணமாக, கிராமத்திலிருந்து அந்த இடங்களுக்குக் கால்நடைகளை வைத்தியத்திற்குக் கொண்டு செல்வதற்கு செலவும் கஷ்டமும் ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகையால் நடமாடும் ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கும் சுற்றிவரும் டாக்டர்களை நியமிப்பதற்கும் அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: இதிலெல்லாம் கவனம் செலுத்தப்பட்டுவருகிறது. கால்நடை வைத்தியர்கள் குறைவாக இருக்கிறார்கள். மற்ற இடங்களில் கால்நடை வைத்தியசாலைகளை அமைக்க வேண்டுமானால், அதற்காகும் மாதாந்திரச் செலவிலும், வருஷாந்திரச் செலவிலும் அங்குள்ள மக்கள் ஏதாவது பங்கை ஏற்றுக்கொண்டால் அது பற்றி கவனிக்கப்படும்.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members are now requested to move their respective amendments to the Motion on the Governor's Address. The amendments need not be read out in full, but hon. Members may stand up in their places and move the amendments they have given notice of.

SRI A. RATNAM: Sir, I move the following amendment:—

"*Add* at the end the following:—

'but regret to note that the Governor has not been properly advised by his Council of Ministers in regard to taking effective steps on the following:—

(*a*) the failure to mention the grievances of N.G.Os., the relief to be given to them and the action taken to redress their grievances:

(*b*) to grant facilities to the labouring classes and to eradicate beggary in the State:

(*c*) the failure to inform about the feelings of the Scheduled Castes and other minorities in the State who are agitating for their ten demands given notice in August 1955; and